

From This On Everything the Nationals Do Will Affect the Pennant Race

HOW THE NATIONALS LOOK IN THEIR NEW ROAD UNIFORMS.



TOP-LEFT TO RIGHT: ENGLE, AKERS, WILLIAMS, CUNNINGHAM, BOEHLING, BECKER, KNIGHT, FLYNN, CASHION, GROOM AND MUSSER. CENTER—W. JOHNSON, SCHAEFER, HUGHES, C. WALKER, AINSWORTH, HENRY AND DIXIE WALKER. BOTTOM—G. JOHNSON, MOELLER, SHANKS, MORGAN, LONG, FOSTER AND MILAN.

McBRIDE HOPES TO PLAY IN OPENING GAME AT PHILADELPHIA

Crippled Shortstop Would Be Badly Missed by Nationals—Team Leaves on First Trip Tonight.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Realizing that without George McBride in the line-up tomorrow, the Nationals' chances for victory over the Athletics will be decidedly decreased, every effort is being made to patch up his spliced leg, so that he will be able to play.

The Nationals' infield without the team's captain in his position has demonstrated in the last few games here that it cannot be relied upon. No one is more anxious to play than McBride. He donned a uniform this morning and took a workout.

His leg is still very sore, but he hopes to be able to get in the game tomorrow. "I will play if I have but one leg to stand on, if they want me to," said he, "and I hope to be in better shape than I am by tomorrow."

Because Ray Morgan has not shown good form at short field in the games he has played there, it was suggested that he be shifted to third base and Foster be sent to McBride's position. Griffith, however, says that he would not make such a change. He wants Foster for third base, and he believes that to switch him away from that corner would prove a great handicap to his developing in that position. So that if McBride is unable to play Thursday, Morgan will fill his place.

Walter Johnson and John Henry will be the Nationals' battery against the Athletics tomorrow unless something unforeseen happens. Johnson was believed to be in good form now, though he has not yet been asked to pitch more than six innings. The team leaves here at 5:35 this afternoon for Philadelphia. Musser, Guy Johnson and Boehling will probably be the only stay-at-homes.

Had it not been for some poor fielding on the part of the locals yesterday they would have shown much improved form over any former playing on the local grounds. The team hit much better, and, for a time at least, showed more life than it usually has, but fielding misplays gave Brooklyn the victory. Groom and Hughes were not as effective as they have been on former appearances, probably because neither had the best of control and had to aim them over, which usually results in hard hitting.

It is very evident that no mistake has been made in the retention of Jack Flynn. The former Pirate is making good all that was claimed for him. He plays the bag well and is a clean-up hitter. Yesterday he drove in four of the Nationals' runs with two three-baggers, and scored one of the seven himself. When Jack Knight gets to going with the bat he and Flynn should prove a dangerous pair for any pitcher to face.

With enough pitchers in condition to make a good showing, and the team exhibiting an inclination to do better with the bat, all that is needed is to have McBride at short and there will be a fair chance for the team to make a good showing on its first trip. From all accounts the Athletics are far from being at their best just now, and if Griffith's team has a few breaks there it may prove a surprise. The Yankees, too, are not setting things on fire and have been beaten on numerous occasions this spring by minor league teams.

Griffith is decidedly hopeful. He looks for his team to show much better form on the trip which opens in Philadelphia tomorrow than it has here in the exhibition games. He sees a chance for get-

ting an even break in the six games to be played before the return here a week from tomorrow, and such a showing would be considered highly satisfactory.

Scout Mike Kahoe returned from a week's trip through the south yesterday. He saw a lot of college and minor league teams in action, but so far as is known, reported only one or two players who impressed him favorably. It is not likely that there will be any additions to the Nationals at this time, but the players now here are being watched very closely from this out so as to get a good line on their ability.

The new uniforms of the Nationals, which were worn for the first time yesterday, are by far the best-looking tops any Washington team has worn. In fact the team promises to be one of the best uniformed in the circuit.

Three clean hits and three stolen bases was Schaefer's record yesterday. At the rate Schaefer is going this spring it would not be at all surprising if he had the best year of his career before him. He is not only hitting every bit as well as last year, but he is showing the same speed and judgment on the bases. It is not stretching the fact a trifle when it is said that Schaefer has proved himself the best ball player on the team to date. Jimmy Callahan, Mike Donlin and others have been referred to as "come backs" who have made good, but neither of them seems to have accomplished what Schaefer has. From a player who two years ago looked ready to be sent back to the minors, Schaefer has developed so that he must now be rated with the stars of the American League. What made Schaefer was the fact that he changed from a right to a left handed batter.

It is apparent that Dan Moeller's shoulder is still bothering him, especially at the bat. The injured member is in an elastic bandage, to which Moeller has not yet grown accustomed. He expects to be as good as ever in a few days, however.

After having a lead of five runs for four innings and a margin of three for seven, the Nationals lost to Brooklyn yesterday by a score of 8 to 7. It all happened in the eighth round, when the visitors hit Tom Hughes hard enough to score four runs, though two errors did much to help the rally along. Kent pitched the entire game for Brooklyn, and after the third inning became very effective, not allowing another score, though the locals made seven runs off him in the first three innings. The score tells the story:

WASHINGTON.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Morgan, p.	3	0	0	3	0	0
McBride, c.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Moeller, 1b.	4	2	1	3	0	0
Flynn, 2b.	5	1	2	1	1	0
Knight, 3b.	4	0	0	3	4	0
Morgan, ss.	4	1	1	3	4	3
Cashion, p.	3	0	0	3	0	1
Henry, c.	3	0	1	3	0	0
Ainsworth, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Groom, p.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hughes, p.	1	0	1	0	0	0
Becker, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cashion, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	7	9	27	11	5

BROOKLYN.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Morgan, p.	4	1	1	0	0	0
Dunlap, 1b.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Smith, 2b.	6	1	2	1	1	3
Sorber, 3b.	4	0	0	3	0	0
Wheat, 1b.	2	0	1	2	0	0
Daley, 1b.	2	1	2	1	0	0
Hummer, 3b.	4	0	1	0	2	3
Stark, ss.	4	0	1	0	2	3
Erwin, c.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Kent, p.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	43	8	14	27	11	6

*Batted for Hughes in the eighth inning.
Washington: 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 7.
Brooklyn: 1 1 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 3.
Left on base—Washington, 6; Brooklyn, 14.

MAY MATCH MATT WELLS.

Packey McFarland Is Offered \$10,000 to Meet Him.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Packey McFarland last night received an offer of a ten-thousand-dollar guaranty to fight Matt Wells, British lightweight champion, at Madison Square Garden, New York, April 22.

Tim Hurst, representing a New York fight club, wired McFarland the offer. McFarland has the privilege of accepting the cash guaranty or taking 25 per cent of the gate and 25 per cent of the moving picture receipts. He is considering the offer.

JEANETTE MOROSE BECAUSE JOHNSON WON'T FIGHT HIM

Colored Champion Ignores Efforts of Rival to Get Match With Him—Latest Pugilistic Gossip.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Joe Jeanette, sad and solemn as he generally is, now is sadder and more solemn—all on account of that man Jack Johnson, who tilts the heavyweight crown on his dome. Jack is now thinking of mixing with Sam Langford in a ten-round affair in this city.

For the past few months Jeanette has written, wired and even visited Johnson, asking for first crack at the title. And now Lil' Alphonse doesn't seem to know that Joe is alive.

"I wouldn't care," sobbed Jeanette yesterday, "if I wasn't such a busy colored boy in trailing the champion. But after a man goes to all that trouble and expense, and then receives a hoot for his pains, believe me it hurts. I'd just like to get Mistah Johnson in a ring for a twenty-round battle. If I didn't win I'll start fighting bantamweights. That's what I think of Johnson now."

Jimmy Johnson is back from Memphis, where the referee said Mandot beat Owen Moran. James brought Moran down there, and naturally felt riled when he was handed, according to his own statement, "a juicy time."

"I know everything in the fighting game is the level of Johnson said. This was followed by a choking spell which lasted several minutes. "Still, when Moran knocked Mandot down in the second round the referee hopped out of the ring and sold a friend a rowboat while Mandot was reclining."

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To keep up a slight interest in the contemplated battle between Johnson and the heavy middleweight, Jim Flynn, a report was wired around the country yesterday that the slaughter would be held at Las Vegas, N. M., July 4. Battling Keefe rises and wants to know whether Flynn will feel like a bomb blown up in the air or a pinwheel after many revolutions. This, Battler, is rather a delicate and impertinent question. So there!

Pour of our fifty little featherweights will get together this evening at the Empire A. C. and help lift down the forty-thousand-dollar house to give the promoters a chance to earn a little change.

"My thinking apparatus is as good as ever," says Wild Bill Donovan, the Tigers' veteran pitcher, "which means that I'll pitch winning ball again. My arm is strong, but my head is of greater value."

PERTINENT COMMENT

Happenings in Sportdom

BY J. ED GRILLO.

There is perhaps no more important position during a ball game than the coacher at third base. On the judgment of the individual filling that position many a ball game depends, and yet one often finds inexperienced youngsters sent there to coach.

Coaching at first base amounts to little or nothing, only being of service when the first baseman is playing behind the base runner, for the coacher can watch him sneaking to the bag to make a play from the pitcher or catcher.

At third base it is different. The base runner has the play behind him most of the time, and must depend on the coacher at third as to whether to attempt to reach the plate or remain at third. The coacher must be a quick thinker, for under certain conditions it is policy to take long chances to score, while under other circumstances it is foolhardy to make the attempt.

Watch a well regulated ball team and you will always find a player of experience and wisdom coaching at third base. It may send a player who can do nothing but make noise to first for that purpose, but intelligence should be taken into consideration when the coacher for third base is chosen.

Barring the Athletics, who on form figure to win the pennant again this year, the team which will finish second in the League are sure to have a very interesting struggle. It stands to reason, of course, that neither Washington nor St. Louis is to be rated with the other five contenders, unless there is a fall-down on the part of these, but both the Nationals and Browns are teams which are going to prove troublesome for all their rivals.

It is no easy matter this year to pick the team which will finish second if it is conceded that the Athletics will repeat. Boston, New York, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago all have a chance to be the team which will finish second if it is conceded that the Athletics will repeat. Boston, New York, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago all have a chance to be the team which will finish second if it is conceded that the Athletics will repeat.

There is no doubt about Cleveland having a chance to be high up at the finish. Davis has what on paper appears to be a really great ball team. Boston undoubtedly is much stronger than that team has been in several years, while the change of management and the elimination of dissension are going to make a big difference in the New York team.

There is no way to figure on past performance how either Washington or St. Louis is going to beat out any of these teams, and yet stranger things have happened, but these two tallenders are very apt to make it interesting for teams which have ambitions to finish high up in the race.

The game has perhaps never known a queerer character than Bill Burns, once a member of the local pitching staff, and since leaving here a member of many other teams.

In none of his stays with major league teams has he ever made good for the reason that he is not a pitcher, and the amount of interest in his work, though he possessed lots of ability. Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia and Cincinnati all have had him, and when he finally landed with Minneapolis it was taken for granted that his major league career had come to a close. But evidently Bill thinks there is one more chance for him. He must be satisfied of this, for he dug down in his jeans and gave up \$1,500 for Burns ever saw the Tigers in action he has had a yearning to be one of them. He frequently expressed this wish while

Waivers Asked on Nap

First Sacker, Is Report

CHICAGO, April 10.—Waivers have been asked and granted on Nap Lajoie, first baseman of the Cleveland team. This was the report in circulation here last night. It is said Lajoie has not shown up to expectation in the training trip and for that reason Manager Davis has decided to make a switch in the infield, playing Lajoie on first and Ball at second, or going to first himself.

BUSH REPORTS.

Shortstop Has Not Signed, But May Do So Today.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 10.—Donnie Bush, shortstop of the Detroit American League base ball team, who has been a hold out, reported to Manager Jennings yesterday.

Jennings said that Bush has not as yet signed a contract, and that he expects to see Oscar Vitt, the recruit shortstop, in the opening game tomorrow regardless of what action Bush may take about signing. Bush refused to sign his contract because it called for \$200 less than his 1911 stipend. His poor hitting was said to have been the cause of his decreased pay, and Secretary Naylor would not state whether the club had met Bush's terms.

"First-class pitchers mean winning ball teams," says Connie Mack. "I've got several of them and so have the Highlanders. If Wolverines get the right work out of Ford, Caldwell, Vaughn, McConnell, Fisher and Warhop, the New Yorkers will make a lot of trouble."



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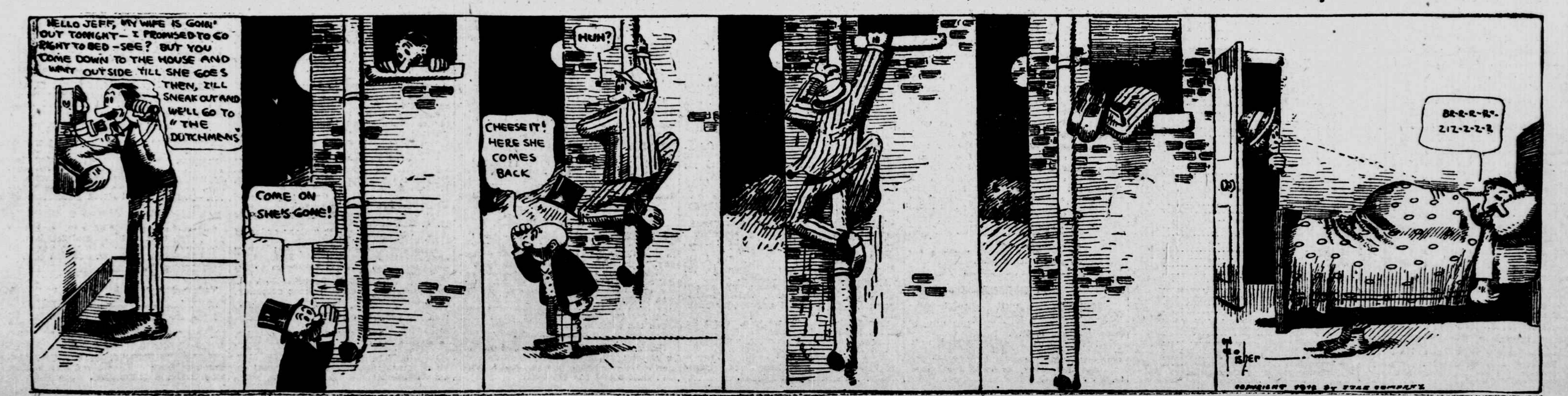
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